

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

**Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
March 15, 2005
6:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Gooch
- II. INVOCATION** Spiritual Director at Hidden Lake Academy - Reverend Kees de Vente
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- February 17, 2005 Regular Meeting
 - February 24, 2005 Special Called Meeting
- V. REPORTS**
- Department Heads
 - Elected Officials
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - 2005-15 - Transfer Property to Development Authority of Lumpkin County
 - 2005-16 - Authorizing Workers' Compensation coverage for Volunteer Firefighter's
 - 2005-17 - Authorizing Workers' Compensation coverage for Elected Officials
 - **CONTRACTS**
 - Airport Hangar/Ground Lease – Bill & Brenda Hanson
 - Legacy Link, Inc. Area Agency on Aging – Contract for Lumpkin County Senior Center
 - Legacy Link, Inc. – Addendum No. 1 of the contracts for FY04
 - Installation of a Chain Link Fence at the Lumpkin County Maintenance Building
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
- **COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS**
 - Proposed Amendment to Occupational Tax Ordinance – Limit and restrict the operation of sports shooting ranges
 - Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Department Athletics Manual 2005
 - **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**
 - **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
 - **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**
 - **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings:

- Board Work Session – City Hall April 7th, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.
- Board Meeting – City Hall April 21st, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.

IX. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSONERS**

March 15, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gooch at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin. The Reverend Kee deVente Spiritual Director at Hidden Lake Academy opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Gooch requested that everyone stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of back taxes, business license, use of county attorney, written reports by department heads was made by John Raber and seconded by Clarence Stowers. A motion was then made by John Raber to approve the amended agenda. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Raber, Stowers, and Martin, with Commissioner Hutcheson voting against. Deborah Hutcheson then made a motion to approve the amended agenda. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2005 Regular Meeting. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present. Marvin Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2005 Special Called Meeting. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present.

REPORTS

Reports were presented by Department Heads and are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2005-15

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to convey property to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County. The governing authority of Lumpkin County determined that a certain tract of land containing 0.833 acres, more or less, is declared excess to the acreage required for the County Maintenance Shop and County Recycling Center. This property is a portion of a larger tract acquired by virtue of a property exchange between the governing authority of Lumpkin County and the Development Authority of Lumpkin County. It is the desire of the governing authority to return said tract to the Development Authority for industrial development. John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-16

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to provide for Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Emergency/Rescue Workers. Volunteer Firemen and Emergency/Rescue Workers of Lumpkin County shall be covered under the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Fund. While performing their duties they shall be covered and shall be subject to the workers' compensation laws of the State of Georgia. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed. John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-17

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to provide for Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for Elected Officials. The following elected officials of Lumpkin County shall be covered under the Association County Commissioners of Georgia-Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Fund. While performing their elected duties: The board of Commissioners, Sheriff, Probate Judge, Magistrate Judge, Clerk of Court, Tax Commissioner and Coroner shall be covered under the Workers' Compensation laws of the State of Georgia as stated in O.C.G.A. 34-9-1. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed. A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to amend the resolution to include the Coroner. Marvin Martin seconded this motion. A motion was made by Marvin Martin to approve the resolution as amended. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

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A motion was made by John Raber to discuss the airport and the need to look at future growth. After a brief discussion a motion was made by John Raber to approve the contracts. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

OTHER ITEMS

Back Taxes – The commissioners had a brief discussion about taxes and the number of uncollected taxes due. A motion was made by John Raber asking the County Manager to write a letter to Tax Commissioner Jean Grizzle regarding the back taxes that are past due. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

Occupational License – A motion was made by John Raber asking the County Manager to contact the Internal Revenue Service to inquire how many businesses there are in Lumpkin County. This motion did not receive a second. Deborah Hutcheson stated she would like to work within the county first. She suggested comparing the numbers from last year with the licenses issued this year. No action was taken.

County Attorney – John Raber asked who can use the county attorney. Commissioner Raber stated that Association County Commissioner Georgia says we should have a policy and guidelines and he ask the County Manager to look into this. Chairman Gooch suggested the county manager set a policy on county attorney use. No action was taken.

Written reports by Department Heads – Commissioner Raber ask that reports be submitted to the County Manager one week prior to the regular meeting.

Chairman Gooch called for a 10 minutes break at 7:45 p.m. with the meeting resuming at 7:55 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Amendment to Occupational Tax Ordinance - County Manager Stan Kelley met with Mr. Steven Libel and discussed at length the amendment being purposed to the Occupational Tax Ordinance. A brief discussion by the Board of Commissioners, County Manager, County Attorney, Citizen Richard Becker and Steven Libel followed. A motion was then made by Deborah Hutcheson to approve the amendment as proposed. This motion did not receive a second. No action was taken.

Athletics Manual 2005 – County Manager Kelley asked Park and Recreation Director Woody Hemphill to explain the changes to the Athletics Manual. Mr. Hemphill stated there was a need to look at insurance coverage for Park & Recreation participants and the unofficial policy waiving participation fees for Park & Recreation Board Members, Park & Recreation Department employees and their families. After a brief discussion John Raber made a motion asking Mr. Hemphill to get with the County Manager and County Attorney to develop the best possible policy to

prevent liability to Lumpkin County. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Gooch said that he and Commissioner Hutcheson had attended the National Association of Counties conference in Washington, D.C. He stated they attended productive meetings while on Capitol Hill. Chairman Gooch also announced that the Development Authority should be closing soon on the Siemens Building. Chairman Gooch said the board and the Board of Commissioners from White County had met for dinner meeting at Smithgall Woods in White County. As a result of the meeting the two boards had some positive discussions. Chairman Gooch then made motion that Marvin Martin and Clarence Stowers put together a committee to work on the landscape and signage sections, which need to be added to the Land Use Plan. He asked that Marvin Martin serve as chairman of the committee. A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to accept this motion. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Deborah Hutcheson stated that lots of good thing were happening in Lumpkin County. Marvin Martin said that Yahoola Creek Park is shaping up to be one of the finest parks anywhere.

The commissioner then discussed the staffing problem in the Tax Assessor's Office. Chairman Gooch ask the county manager to write a letter of understanding regarding the creation of a part-time position in the Tax Assessor's Office. A motion to create a part-time position in the Tax Assessor Office was made by Marvin Martin. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Horne gave an update on the legislation for Special Tax Districts. He said that local legislation introduced at the state by request of the Board of Commissioners was turned down. The other legislation requested remained in progress, having passed the House and Senate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

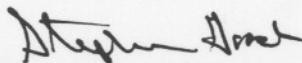
Citizen Marshall Mahone inquired about all the work that is going on at Hwys. 60 & 400, and ask when the county would be hiring a soil and erosion person. Chairman Gooch responded that Home Depot was moving a large amount of dirt to the other side of the road, and that the county manager had been authorized to hire a person for this position. Chairman Gooch also stated that the county has two inspector that can be called to do soil and erosion inspections. County Manager Kelley said that the soil and erosion position is a very important and he was reviewing the applications carefully.

ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn. John Raber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

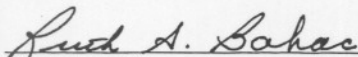
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Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County